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## REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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### Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION

STAGE DRIVE METHOD AND STAGE UNIT, EXPOSURE APPARATUS, AND DEVICE  
MANUFACTURING METHOD

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☐ Further applicants and/or (further) inventors are indicated on a continuation sheet.

### Box No. IV AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

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- ☐ DE Germany is **not designated** for any kind of national protection  
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**Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM**

The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:

Filing date of earlier application (day/month/year)	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application: country or Member of WTO	regional application: * regional Office	international application: receiving Office
item (1) 02/02/2004	2004-025837	JAPAN		
item (2) 14/10/2004	2004-300566	JAPAN		
item (3)				

☐ Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.

The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) (only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of this international application is the receiving Office) identified above as:

☒ all items    ☐ item (1)    ☐ item (2)    ☐ item (3)    ☐ other, see Supplemental Box

\* Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, indicate at least one country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or one Member of the World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)):

**Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY**

**Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA)** (if two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used):

ISA / JP

**Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search** (if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the International Searching Authority):

Date (day/month/year)                      Number                      Country (or regional Office)

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The following **declarations** are contained in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) (mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in the right column the number of each type of declaration):

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**Box No. IX CHECK LIST; LANGUAGE OF FILING**

<p>This international application <b>contains</b>:</p> <p>(a) <b>on paper</b>, the following number of sheets:</p> <p>request (including declaration sheets) : 4</p> <p>description (excluding sequence listing and/or tables related thereto) : 69</p> <p>claims : 10</p> <p>abstract : 1</p> <p>drawings : 24</p> <p><b>Sub-total number of sheets</b> : 108</p> <p>sequence listing : </p> <p>tables related thereto : </p> <p><i>(for both, actual number of sheets if filed on paper, whether or not also filed in electronic form; see (c) below)</i></p> <p><b>Total number of sheets</b> : 108</p> <p>(b) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>only in electronic form</b> (Section 801(a)(i))</p> <p>(i) <input type="checkbox"/> sequence listing</p> <p>(ii) <input type="checkbox"/> tables related thereto</p> <p>(c) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>also in electronic form</b> (Section 801(a)(ii))</p> <p>(i) <input type="checkbox"/> sequence listing</p> <p>(ii) <input type="checkbox"/> tables related thereto</p> <p><b>Type and number of carriers</b> (diskette, CD-ROM, CD-R or other) on which are contained the</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sequence listing: .....</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> tables related thereto: .....</p> <p><i>(additional copies to be indicated under items 9(ii) and/or 10(ii), in right column)</i></p>	<p>This international application is <b>accompanied by</b> the following item(s) <i>(mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in right column the number of each item)</i>:</p> <table style="width:100%;"> <tr> <td style="width:80%;">1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fee calculation sheet</td> <td style="width:20%; 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**Language of filing** of the international application: **Japanese**

**Box No. X SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE**

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